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SUBJ: VEHICLE COST DATA FOR SFM

REF: TEL AVIV 0113

1. RENTAL COSTS FOR VEHICLE FROM HERTZ, AVIS ETC. ARE VERY EXPENSIVE WITH VOLKSWAGON 1200 SEDANS RENTING AT \$175 U.S. PER WEEK WITH NO MILEAGE CHARGE; DODGE DART AT \$26 PER DAY PLUS 24 CENTS PER KILOMETER AND A FORD UTILITY VAN AT \$100 PER DAY PLUS 24 CENTS PER KILOMETER.

2. AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT LTD., TEL AVIV IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF VEHICLES AND THEY HAVE SUPPLIED COST DATA AND AVAILABILITY AS SHOWN BELOW. THIS COMPANY AND A SISTER COMPANY HAVE MADE PRICE QUOTATIONS TO THREE U.S. FIRMS FOR VEHICLES TO BE USED BY SFM. AMERICAN MOTORS JEEPS, FORD AND CHRYSLER PRODUCTS ARE ASSEMBLED IN ISRAEL AND ARE AVAILABLE WITH REASONABLE DELIVERY DATES. THIS INCLUDES A JEEP 1 AND ONE-HALF TON TRUCK WITH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE. SIX CJ6 JEEPS COULD BE DELIVERED WITHIN SIX DAYS FROM THE DATE A FIRM ORDER IS PLACED AND ALL OTHER VEHICLES COULD BE DELIVERED WITHIN A MONTH. CJ5 JEEPS COST \$4,460; CJ6 JEEPS ARE \$4,770 AND THE HARD TOP COSTS \$700 ADDITIONAL. COL LEVINSON, IDF, AND OTHERS STATE HARD TOP IS MUCH MORE DESIRABLE FOR COMFORT AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE AIR CONDITIONING EVEN IN WORST HEAT. TEN PASSENGER MICROBUSES BY FORD ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY BUT A 35 PASSENGER BUS WITH A/C WOULD HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED FROM ENGLAND AND REQUIRES ABOUT 30 DAYS FOR DELIVERY.

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3. INFORMATION RE AVAILABILITY OF TRAILERS FOR USE AT THE

WATCH STATION AND DURING CONSTRUCTION OF BASE SITE IS BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE REPORTED ASAP. IT IS REPORTED THAT PREFAB BUILDINGS ARE WELL DESIGNED AND AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT SEEN THEM AND HAVE NO COST DATA OR RECOMMENDATION YET.

4. RECOMMEND PRIME CONTRACTOR WIRE PURCHASE ORDER TO AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT LTD, TEL AVIV, TELEX 033-525 FOR FOUR CJ6 JEEPS WITH METAL TOPS AT \$5,470 EACH AND TWO CJ6 SOFTOPS AT \$4,770 SO THAT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FROM GOI CAN BE OBTAINED BY JAN 22. ROLLBARS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND WILL HAVE TO BE ADDED TO THE SOFT TOP VEHICLES LATER.
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